AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Equipment for fitting a hearing aid to the specific needs of a hearing impaired individual, the equipment comprising:

~~a computer or similar device~~a computing device that includes ~~with~~software, ~~where the device has display means for visual display of data~~a display unit, ~~data entry means for entering~~a data intake unit that accepts hearing aid programming data ~~into the device~~as input, ~~data storing means~~a data storage unit, ~~and~~a hearing aid data output ~~means for outputting~~unit that outputs programming data to the hearing aid, ~~wherein further means are provided for simultaneously selecting~~and a parameter selector that simultaneously selects and sets values for~~two or more~~ multiple different parameters relating to the processing of sound in the hearing aid to be programmed based on a single control indicator associated with a particular set of parameter values,

wherein said parameters include a rationale, at least one time constant of compression, at least one setting related to vividness of automatic program shifts, at least one setting related to noise management, and at least one setting related to adaptive directionality.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A software for use in a~~A method of fitting ~~equipment for fitting~~ a hearing aid, the ~~equipment~~method comprising:

a computer having a display, where the software is adapted for controlling different parameters of the hearing aid ~~upon~~ by ~~control~~ controlling ~~of~~ indicators ~~in the software, where the indicators are visible on the display~~ of said parameters through a computer program that displays said indicators on a display device, ~~wherein an~~ said indicators including an indicator ~~is provided~~ for simultaneous control of ~~two or more different parameters~~ parameters including: a rationale, at least one time constant of compression, at least one setting related to vividness of automatic program shifts, at least one setting related to noise management, and at least one setting related to adaptive directionality of the hearing aid, where controlling said indicator for simultaneous control includes simultaneously determining and establishing values for all the parameters via the indicator.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (New) A computer readable medium having embodied thereon a program that, when executed, causes a computing device to carry out a method of fitting a hearing aid, the method comprising:

controlling different parameters of the hearing aid by controlling indicators of said parameters through a computer program that displays said indicators on a display device, said indicators including an indicator for simultaneous control of parameters including: a rationale, at least one time constant of compression, at least one setting related to vividness of automatic program shifts, at least one setting related to noise

management, and at least one setting related to adaptive directionality of the hearing aid, where controlling said indicator for simultaneous control includes automatically determining and establishing values for all the parameters when the value of any one particular parameter is set via the indicator.

6. (New) The Equipment of claim 1, wherein said parameters can be individually set with alternative or additional control indicators.

7. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein values for said parameters can be individually established with alternative or additional indicators.

8. (New) The Equipment of claim 1, wherein said parameters are grouped into an extended rationale that contains values for each parameter such that said control indicator allows for selection between two or more different extended rationales.

9. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said parameters are grouped into an extended rationale that contains values for each parameter and said indicator for simultaneous control allows for selection between two or more different extended rationales.

10. (New) The equipment of claim 8, wherein said two or more different extended rationales include a fast-acting extended rationale and a slow-acting extended rationale.

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11. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said two or more different extended rationales include a fast-acting extended rationale and a slow-acting extended rationale.

12. (New) The equipment of claim 8, where all available extended rationales contain the same soft squelch and dynamic feedback cancellation settings.

13. (New) The method of claim 9, where all available extended rationales contain the same soft squelch and dynamic feedback cancellation settings.